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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants hereby make of record the references set out on the attached form PTO-1449.

A copy of the references is enclosed.

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It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered by the Examiner and that the references be made of record and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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